

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP TODAY! If you are a guest, we ask you to sign our Guest Register located at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF YOUNG CHILDREN – Jesus welcomed little children into his midst and so do we. However, if you are feeling uncomfortable in worship with your child, please feel welcome to use our Nursery room in which the service can still be heard. Please contact one of our greeters if you need help.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS – Bulletins containing enlarged lyrics to the Psalm and all hymns are available. Please ask a greeter if you would like one.

Ministers	You!	Pastor	Rev. John J. Werner
Lector	Betsy Burke	Organist	Gary Yost
Greeters	Dave and Nancy Hodge	Pianist	Sharon Long
Teacher	Miss Kelly	Sexton	Tawnya Busch
		Office Mgr.	Mary Tenan

VISION STATEMENT

Led by the Holy Spirit, we affirm God's love by growing spiritually, pursuing justice and caring compassionately for all.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe God's grace is available to all through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
 We envision ourselves as a community of believers, inspired by the Holy Spirit, united by faith and enriched by diversity in our shared spiritual journey.
 Nurturing each other in this joyful family of faith, we will strive to love and worship God, to honor all people as children of God, to respect all creation as the handiwork of God, and to live as just and peaceable citizens in the world.

	LECTOR	Greeter / Servers	TEACHER
Dec. 02	Don Burkholder	Carol Murphy / Bob Boggs, Barbara Carlson, Mary Ann Shull	Miss Annie
Dec. 09	Kelly Fuhrmann	Carol Murphy	Miss Betsy
Dec. 16	Judie Sylak	Caro Murphy	Mr. Cameron

Coming Up This Week

Mon.	26	1:00 p.m.	Book Group
	26	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
Tues	27	5:30 p.m.	Weight Watchers
Wed.	28	4:30 p.m.	Growth & Fellowship
	28	5:00 p.m.	Advent Study
	28	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Supper – “Hanging of the Greens”
	28	7:10 p.m.	Vespers
	28	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	29	6:15 p.m.	Rotary – Suzy/Kelly's team
	29	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate

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Please direct all announcements for the Church bulletin and items for the Tower Bell to the Church Office (in writing whenever possible). Thank you.

Prayers of Hope and Healing:

Skip and Joyce McClintock, Sue McCune, Hazel Ouillette, Waylon Scott, and Eileen Westfall

Please keep those who are serving in the Armed Forces and Peace Corps in your Prayers.

Church Belles Annual Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 11th, at 5:30 pm. at the home of Kathleen Milford, No. Kingsville. Carpoolers need to meet at the Church at 5:00 p.m.

Manna: Hello to all the churches. Our December needs which will go with the small hams we are passing out for Christmas are boxes of stuffing, au gratin potatoes, or mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes or corn, and applesauce. We will not need cranberries or turkey gravy. Please have these items in by Sunday, Dec. 9th so we can pass them out to our families. Thank you so much for your generous giving. Lorna Westlake, Director of the Manna Food Pantry

Annual Christmas Singalong: We have had to change the day of our annual Christmas Singalong. This year it will be Saturday evening, December 1, beginning at 7:00 PM, at our home, 21 North Elm St., Jefferson.

We hope that you will be able to join us. It would be nice if you could bring a snack to share, but it is not necessary. Drinks will be provided. The evening is informal, so get here when you can and stay as long as you are able.

Gary and Bonnie

Thought of the Week:

John Milton

He who reigns within himself and rules passions, desires, and fears is more than a king.

2018 Poinsettia Order Forms and Envelopes are on the Forum Room table.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018

***Please Rise in Body and or Spirit.**

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

MEDITATION AND PASSING THE PEACE:

Today is both the end and climax of the Christian year. Today we indulge ourselves in a holy nonsense which is in fact the most beautiful truth: we celebrate the festival of Christ the King. He had no troops and built no palace, yet his rule is now boundless. He had no throne and wore no crown, yet as a king he is on his own.

The truth, grace and peace of Christ the King be with you all!
And also with you.

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The King of Kings, our Sovereign of Sovereigns is raised in glory.

P: Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

L: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

P: Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. **AMEN.**

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#304

CALLING UPON GOD TOGETHER

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!"*. AMEN.

ANTHEM

They'll Know We Are Christians, arr. by Lloyd Larson

CALL TO PRAYER*Beautiful Jesus, v.1*

#44

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory both now and forever. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**OFFERING**

How has serving our Beloved Sovereign enabled you to be feeding the hungry, quenching the thirst of the parched, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the prisoner? Let us bring the tithes and offerings which feed, quench, welcome, clothe, care and visit.

OFFERTORY**Julian LaVallee, Bassoonist**

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each give a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

THE APOCALYPSE OF JOHN OF PATMOS Revelation 1:4b-8

Lector

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 93

Pg. 683

HYMNCome Now, Almighty God*

#275

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

JOHN 18:33-37

Pastor John

SUNG GOSPEL RESPONSE**MESSAGE**

Pastor John

***HYMN***Crown with Your Richest Crowns*

#425

BENEDICTION*

Pastor John

You are the sisters and brothers of the great Servant King. No humble task in beneath him, no mercy is withheld; no person is to him a waste of space. May your faith be big enough to learn from him, and to daily welcome the inflooding of his humble yet resolute Spirit. The grace of Christ Jesus be your only boast, the love of God be your unfailing resource, and the fellowship of the Spirit be your deepest joy.

*Amen!***RECESSIONAL****POSTLUDE**